

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7 to 9, 13 to 15, 19 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Original) A printing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store print sheets including a tab paper sheet;

a print unit configured to print predetermined data on the print sheet;

a check unit configured to check if the print process of said print unit is that on the tab paper sheet;

a notification unit configured to output a message to a user when said check unit determines the print process on the tab paper sheet, and said print unit prints on a first face of the tab paper sheet;

a detection unit configured to detect re-storage of the tab paper sheet, the first face of which has been printed, in said storage unit; and

an instruction reception unit configured to receive a print instruction of a second face of the tab paper sheet from the user,

wherein said print unit prints on the second face of the tab paper sheet in response to detection of re-storage of the tab paper sheet and the print instruction of the second face of the tab paper sheet.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when said check unit determines that the print process of said print unit is not that on the tab paper sheet, said print unit executes a 2-sided print process on the print sheet other than the tab paper sheet.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein data to be printed on the second face of the tab paper sheet is generated using data to be printed on the first face of the tab paper sheet.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined data contains at least body text data and tab data, and when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode,

said print unit prints at least body text data immediately before an insertion position of the tab paper sheet in a 1-sided print mode when the number of pages of body text data before the insertion position of the tab paper sheet is odd.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined data contains at least body text data and tab data, and when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode,

said print unit prints at least a reverse face of body text data immediately before an insertion position of the tab paper sheet as a blank page when the number of pages of body text data before the insertion position of the tab paper sheet is odd.

6. (Not Amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:  
a billing unit configured to charge a given amount for each page printed by said print unit, and

wherein when said print unit prints the reverse face of body text data immediately before the insertion position of the tab paper sheet as the blank page, billing by said billing unit is suppressed.

7. to 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 9; An~~  
information processing apparatus, which is connected to a printing apparatus, and controls the printing apparatus to print at least body text and tab data on print sheets including a tab print sheet, comprising:

a setup reception unit configured to receive a print setup;

a check unit configured to check in accordance with the received print setup if the print process of the printing apparatus is that on the tab paper sheet;

a first command issuance unit configured to issue a first control command which instructs to execute a print process of a first face of the tab paper sheet when said check unit determines the print process on the tab paper sheet;

a second command issuance unit configured to issue a command that pauses

a print process in the printing apparatus after the first control command is issued:

a third command issuance unit configured to issue a control command which instructs to execute a print process of a second face of the tab paper sheet in accordance with the received setup; and

a fourth command issuance unit configured to issue a control command that instructs to execute a print process of the body text data in accordance with the received setup when said check unit determines that the print process of the printing unit is not that on the tab paper sheet,

wherein said setup reception unit comprises:

a paper source setup unit configured to receive designation of a paper source of the tab paper sheet;

a print style setup unit configured to receive designation of a print style on the tab paper sheet; and

an insertion position setup unit configured to receive an insertion position of the tab paper sheets among body text pages, and

wherein when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab paper sheet is odd,

said fourth command issuance unit issues a blank page non-billing command that instructs to execute a non-billing blank page print process on a reverse face of the print sheet on which the body text data immediately before the tab paper sheet is printed.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 9, An information processing apparatus, which is connected to a printing apparatus, and controls the printing apparatus to print at least body text and tab data on print sheets including a tab print sheet, comprising:

a setup reception unit configured to receive a print setup;

a check unit configured to check in accordance with the received print setup if the print process of the printing apparatus is that on the tab paper sheet;

a first command issuance unit configured to issue a first control command which instructs to execute a print process of a first face of the tab paper sheet when said check unit determines the print process on the tab paper sheet;

a second command issuance unit configured to issue a command that pauses a print process in the printing apparatus after the first control command is issued;

a third command issuance unit configured to issue a control command which instructs to execute a print process of a second face of the tab paper sheet in accordance with the received setup; and

a fourth command issuance unit configured to issue a control command that instructs to execute a print process of the body text data in accordance with the received setup when said check unit determines that the print process of the printing unit is not that on the tab paper sheet.

wherein said setup reception unit comprises:

a paper source setup unit configured to receive designation of a paper source of the tab paper sheet;

a print style setup unit configured to receive designation of a print style on the tab paper sheet; and

an insertion position setup unit configured to receive an insertion position of the tab paper sheets among body text pages, and

wherein when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab paper sheet is odd,

said fourth command issuance unit issues a 2-sided print command that instructs to print the body text data in a 2-sided print mode before execution of the print process of the body text data, and issues a 1-sided print command that instructs to print the body text data in a 1-sided print mode before execution of the print process of the body text data immediately before the tab paper sheet.

12. (Original) A method of controlling a printing apparatus which comprises a storage unit configured to store print sheets including a tab paper sheet, and a print unit configured to print predetermined data on the print sheet, comprising:

a check step of checking if the print process of the print unit is that on the tab paper sheet;

a notification step of outputting, when the print process on the tab paper sheet is determined in the check step, and the print unit prints on a first face of the tab paper sheet, a message to a user;

a detection step of detecting re-storage of the tab paper sheet, the first face of which has been printed, in the storage unit; and

an instruction reception step of receiving a print instruction of a second face of the tab paper sheet from the user,

wherein the print unit prints on the second face of the tab paper sheet in response to detection of re-storage of the tab paper sheet and the print instruction of the second face of the tab paper sheet.

13. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Amended) ~~The method according to claim 15,~~ A method of controlling an information processing apparatus, which is connected to a printing apparatus, and controls the printing apparatus to print at least body text and tab data on print sheets including a tab print sheet, comprising:

a setup reception step of receiving a print setup;

a check step of checking in accordance with the received print setup if the print process of the printing apparatus is that on the tab paper sheet;

a first command issuance step of issuing, when the print process on the tab paper sheet is determined in the check step, a first control command which instructs to execute a print process of a first face of the tab paper sheet;

a second command issuance step of issuing a command that pauses a print process in the printing apparatus after the first control command is issued;

a third command issuance step of issuing a control command which instructs to execute a print process of a second face of the tab paper sheet in accordance with the received setup; and

a fourth command issuance step of issuing, when it is determined in the check step that the print process of the printing unit is not that on the tab paper sheet, a control command that instructs to execute a print process of the body text data in accordance with the received setup,

wherein the setup reception step comprises:

a paper source setup step of receiving designation of a paper source of the tab paper sheet;

a print style setup step of receiving designation of a print style on the tab paper sheet; and

an insertion position setup step of receiving an insertion position of the tab paper sheets among body text pages, and

wherein when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab paper sheet is odd,

the fourth command issuance step includes a step of issuing a blank page non-billing command that instructs to execute a non-billing blank page print process on a reverse face of the print sheet on which the body text data immediately before the tab paper sheet is printed.

17. (Currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 15,~~ A method of controlling an information processing apparatus, which is connected to a printing apparatus, and controls the printing apparatus to print at least body text and tab data on print sheets including a tab print sheet, comprising:

a setup reception step of receiving a print setup;



a check step of checking in accordance with the received print setup if the print process of the printing apparatus is that on the tab paper sheet;

a first command issuance step of issuing, when the print process on the tab paper sheet is determined in the check step, a first control command which instructs to execute a print process of a first face of the tab paper sheet;

a second command issuance step of issuing a command that pauses a print process in the printing apparatus after the first control command is issued;

a third command issuance step of issuing a control command which instructs to execute a print process of a second face of the tab paper sheet in accordance with the received setup; and

a fourth command issuance step of issuing, when it is determined in the check step that the print process of the printing unit is not that on the tab paper sheet, a control command that instructs to execute a print process of the body text data in accordance with the received setup,

wherein the setup reception step comprises:

a paper source setup step of receiving designation of a paper source of the tab paper sheet;

a print style setup step of receiving designation of a print style on the tab paper sheet; and

an insertion position setup step of receiving an insertion position of the tab paper sheets among body text pages, and

wherein when the tab paper sheet undergoes a print process while being inserted in the print sheets, on which the body text data is printed in a 2-sided print mode, and the number of body text pages before the tab paper sheet is odd,

the fourth command issuance step includes a step of issuing a 2-sided print command that instructs to print the body text data in a 2-sided print mode before execution of the print process of the body text data, and issues a 1-sided print command that instructs to print the body text data in a 1-sided print mode before execution of the print process of the body text data immediately before the tab paper sheet.

18. (Original) A program for making a computer execute a method of claim 12.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) A computer readable storage medium storing a program of claim 18.

21. (Canceled)